

DEMOCRATS HOLD THEIR FIRST POLITICAL MEETING OF 1916 CAMPAIGN

DEMOCRATS MEET IN THIS CITY
AND START THEIR CAM-
PAIGN STRONGLY IN FA-
VOR OF COUNTY
PRIMARY

As per announcement calling the Democrats to meet in Tucumcari, on Saturday morning at ten o'clock a number of the leading Democrats and members of the various precinct committees were here at the scheduled time for opening. Nineteen of the 22 precincts were represented, but the meeting was called to order about eleven o'clock. It was then found that Mr. Davidson's office was too small for the crowd who desired to attend and it was moved and seconded that same should be adjourned to be held at the court house commencing promptly at one o'clock.

At one o'clock the meeting was called to order by C. C. Davidson, county chairman, and after selecting E. E. Winter as temporary secretary, Mr. Davidson outlined his policies for the present and said this meeting was merely to find out whether the Democrats wanted a primary or convention by which to choose their candidates for county offices. He pleaded for harmony in the party ranks and paid a beautiful tribute to President Wilson and his wise and sane administration. He also spoke very highly of the efficient manner in which the county offices have been run and said Quay county officials were said to rank at the top of the list in the state.

The court room was comfortably filled with representative Democrats and everything went off without a serious fight or hardly any opposition. The first and really the only question, "Primary or Convention" was put before the meeting and a number gave their views concerning the matter.

Senator Alldredge spoke in favor of the convention and used as his main reason the thought that Quay county should recognize the Spanish Americans by giving them a place on the county ticket and figured that would be the only way a Spanish-American stood any show to gain a nomination in this county where the majority of the voters are so strongly English-speaking people. He made an excellent talk in favor of the convention plan and it seemed for a time that that was the only plausible way to avoid making up a ticket wholly composed of English-speaking citizens. Patricio Sanchez, committee man from Revuelto or precinct No. 2, then spoke along the same lines and asked that the Spanish-Americans be recognized this year. A number of other committeemen made short talks and most of them stated that their precincts were nearly unanimously in favor of a primary, but the solution of the problem was not reached by the primary supporters until C. W. White of Rana precinct made an extended talk in favor of the primary and among other things he said arrangements could be made whereby certain offices could be set apart for the Spanish-Americans and no English-American would be allowed to announce for said office. This would guarantee that the Spanish-Americans would receive proper recognition at the hands of the Democratic party. Mr. White declared he was heartily in favor of the old saying, "equal rights to all, and special privileges to none."

Col. Reaves of Endee made a short talk in favor of the primary and said that was the only way whereby the common man would have his say in who should fill the offices of the county. He believes in weighing each candidate in the balance and then supporting the one who is the most competent to fill said office with dignity and honor.

A. E. Billingsley was another speaker who poured hot shot into the convention plan of selecting candidates. He said the sharpest, tricksters and professional politicians manipulated things to suit themselves and used the common "guy" as a tool to further their own personal interests.

There was no vote taken in the matter as it was so plainly evident that the primary plan was in the majority. The date of the primary will be set until the convention is held. Select delegates to the state convention, which will be held some time in June.

A committee of three composed of Messrs. White, Lowenstein and Sanchez, was selected to get up suitable rules to govern the primary so that it will be made safer than the one held five years ago.

After the precinct committee meeting had adjourned a mass meeting was called and J. H. Welch, of Forest chosen as chairman, with A. R. Moses secretary. A resolution was read by H. O. Norris of House, en-

dorsing the candidacy of Judge J. D. Cutlip for the office of district attorney of the Eighth Judicial District which was adopted in full.

Following is the resolution as adopted at the mass meeting:

Resolution
No be it resolved by the Democrats of Quay county, in mass meeting assembled, that whereas Jefferson D. Cutlip, has been a member and faithful worker of the Democratic party ever since coming to New Mexico,

And Whereas, his administration as Probate Judge, has been satisfactory to the people of said County.

And, Whereas, he is now a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the Eighth Judicial District.

And, Whereas, we have confidence in him, and believe him qualified to discharge the duties of said office.

Be it therefore Resolved, that we, the democracy of Quay County, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby endorse the candidacy of the said Jefferson D. Cutlip for the democratic nomination for District Attorney for this District.

Done and signed at Tucumcari, New Mexico, at a general mass meeting this the 8th day of January, A. D., 1916.

J. H. Welch, Chairman
A. R. Moses, Secretary

BASKET BALL GAMES BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Tucumcari basket-ball fans will enjoy seeing the two games this week at the opera house when the local high school will meet Raton for the first time in the regular league contest. This city has always had the reputation of producing good clean athletes and those who attend tomorrow (Friday) night will see a fine exhibition of this popular game.

On Saturday night the Portales boys and girls will be here for two games and the report comes that they have some teams. They say they expect to win the girls' game easily, but the boys' game may be a little closer.

If you can't attend these games buy a ticket for some friend and send him in your place. You sure get two money's worth when you see two basket-ball games for the price of one.

All persons holding season tickets will be admitted free to the Portales games, which are not on the regular schedule.

FINE STALLION

H. L. Cox, who owns and lives on a nice farm near Jordan, N. M., arrived in Tucumcari last Friday from Chariton, Iowa, where he had been to buy a fine draft stallion for use on his farm. The stallion is a fine black Percheron with a small white star in his forehead. He is not yet three years old but weighs about 1550. He was owned and bred by Frank Chandler, at Chariton, Iowa, who is known to all farmers who have kept posted on thorough-bred horses of all kinds and especially in the draft class. The horse attracted quite a bit of attention on the streets Saturday before Mr. Cox left for his home.

Mr. Cox and his son, E. R., are the joint owners of this fine horse and expect to stand him at their place near Jordan the coming season.

This class of horses is what will bring our present grade up to a better and more marketable size, and there is no country on earth where horses will do any better than New Mexico. This is a natural horse and cattle country and we are glad to see the farmers taking so much interest in grading up their stuff.

SAVE YOUR MAGAZINES

Rev. Jules H. Molinie has a letter from France advising that the hospitals will be glad to receive magazines, newspapers, or books for the use of English speaking patients. Dr. Rouanet de Lugan writes that he has a hospital with three hundred and twelve cots and that his patients become greatly wearied for the lack of something to read and if the good people of this city and county will send him their magazines and newspapers, they will lighten the burden for many a poor soul that has very little to look forward to. The cost of mailing the magazines or papers is very little, the rates can be ascertained at the postoffice. Address the packages to Dr. Rouanet de Lugan, Medicine Chief, Hospital No. 12, Castelnaudary, Aude, France.

KOHN-BONEM NUPTIALS
The wedding of the popular couple, Chas. H. Kohn, of Montoya, and Miss Hannah Bonem, daughter of H. Bonem, of this city, is announced to happen on the 26th of January. The ceremony will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at 8:00 p. m., after which a special dinner will be served at the Vorenberg. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties will be in attendance.

A HANDSOME PRESENT
Last Sunday brought a regular sandstorm to our town, but at least one Sunday school worker of Tucumcari was well repaid for being at his post. The Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, Mr. E. P. Brown, was fortunate enough to receive a very handsome present, the gift of teachers and members of the school. This present consisted of a fine gold watch and chain, secured from the house of L. Blitz, Jeweler. The watch is a nineteen jewel Elgin, in a twenty-five year case, and was presented to the superintendent in a very happy speech by Mr. C. H. Hittson.

Kindling wood for sale. Call 274.

FORMER TUCUMCARI MAN SHOT IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

As the result of a shooting affray which took place in Amarillo Monday, Howard Brown, who formerly lived in Tucumcari, but now a dairyman in that city, was seriously wounded and Lee Vansickle, brother of Cary Vansickle, well known here because of the trial and conviction for the killing of Doug. Anderson, and was afterwards released, who formerly lived with his parents near San Jon, gave himself up to a friend and was taken to the county jail in Amarillo. It is said that Brown, driving his milk wagon, and Vansickle, driving along Sixth street, met on that street and the shooting followed. Vansickle shot Brown with a shot gun loaded with buck shot, afterwards trying to finish him with a six-shooter.

Railroad men say Brown was completely perforated with shot and the chances for his recovery were very slim. Vansickle refuses to talk of the affair and no reason for the shooting has been given.

Mr. Brown's wife was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perdue, who live out near the Mesa Rodondo. A message was received in this city that evening and Chas. Adair drove out in his auto and brought Mrs. Brown to town in time to catch the train for Amarillo that night. The report received at that time stated that they did not think Brown could live until the arrival of his wife.

STOCKMEN'S GUARANTY LOAN CO. READY FOR BUSINESS

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 12.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's Guaranty Loan Company, organization of which has been under way for the past year, has been called at the company's offices in its home office building here on Jan. 22, when a board of fifteen directors will be chosen to assume the guidance of the company's extensive business operations, co-operating with the officers who will be elected at the same meeting. Success for this company means important advantages for the livestock interests of New Mexico, since the company's purpose will be the negotiating of live stock loans, securing the capital in eastern money centers and relieving the stock growing interests of the state of the handicap of the old borrowing conditions.

The Stockmen's Guaranty Loan Co. a co-operative organization of stockmen, originated under the laws of New Mexico with an authorized capital stock of \$500,000 fills almost exactly the demands voiced over and over again by leading stockmen of the southwest, for a live-stock loan bank which will be organized for and prepared to give quick and low rate accommodation to large and small live stock operations when properly secured. While the company will in no sense do a banking business, it will bring its stockholders into close touch with large sources of money and its operations will have the effect of bringing large sums of foreign capital into the state, as well as to keep at home the huge sums of money which New Mexico stock interests, directly and indirectly, send out of this state every year in the form of interest on their financial accommodations.

A. G. Whittier, New Mexico state traveling auditor, has just made public a report covering a scrutinizing examination of the affairs of the company, made December 4-6, in which he gives the company a clear bill of financial stability, finding in his conclusions that the company's plan of operations is sound, that the company is on a thoroughly solvent basis, and that its officers are building a corporation which should work for the good of the state. Copies of the report which have been printed in the Albuquerque papers, show it to be one of the strongest bills of health ever given a new corporation in New Mexico. The report is of special interest since it shows that the company by assuming direct supervision of its stock salesmen and full control of its fiscal agent, have corrected the only source of complaint against it. W. C. Oestreich, the president and other men directly interested in its organization stand high in the Albuquerque financial community, and the company will begin its active career under very favorable conditions for service to the live stock interests and to the development of the state.

**TRYING TO GIVE
QUAY COUNTY
A BLACK EYE**
RACE QUESTION CAUSES MANY
WILD ACCUSATIONS AND IT
MAY HAVE BEEN THE
CAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM

GRAND JURY WORK
A case before the justice of the peace in western Quay county has been brought to the attention of La Voz Publica. It seems that Segundo Salas made complaint before the Montoya justice against Earl Elliott for assault and battery and also a peace complaint. The case was taken before the Ima justice on a change of venue. When the case was ready for trial before this justice the complaining witness reports that the attorney for the defendant and his friends, present in large numbers, made demonstrations in the court room intimidating the prosecuting witness and the court. Whereupon the court dismissed both cases without examining a single witness and assessed the costs against the prosecuting witness, together with the attorney's fee for the defendant.

If this statement of facts is true, then the grand jury should investigate this case.

This seems to be only one more of many instances that have arisen in Quay county, where the ugly race feeling has shown itself.—La Voz Publica

REPORTS FAVOR- ABLE TO TUCUM- CARI'S FUTURE

OFFICES OF ROCK ISLAND R. R.
MAY BE MOVED TO TUCUM-
CARI FROM DALHART—
MANY REPORTS ARE
AFLOAT

BLIZZARDS EAST OF US AND BLIZZARDS NORTH OF US

Word has been received in this city as well as all along the line that Tucumcari has been chosen as the most central point for the Rock Island to locate its general offices, and we understand that all the officials now located in Dalhart and Amarillo will be transferred to Tucumcari within a short time.

The head of the Rock Island lines is cutting off salaries men and will use the money saved in improving the present equipment. The superintendents divisions are being lengthened and two are now required to do the work formerly done by three. Naturally this will cut down the clerical force and save considerable in the course of a year.

It is said arrangements will be made with the E. P. & S. W. to enlarge the shops here so that more workmen will be put to work and the R. I. will contract with this company to do all its repair work on this end of the line. In speaking of this move a prominent railroad man told the News editor that if such a change was made it would be necessary to build an office building, therefore it is quite probable a new depot would also be built in connection with it.

This is no pipe dream but some live town is going to be benefited by the change while several towns along the line will suffer the loss. Tucumcari has all the advantages necessary to make this the logical point to concentrate and the citizens (not just the business men) should get busy and find out just how much our town is entitled to and then go after it teeth and toe-nails.

Just because we have a few dead ones who holler "We can't" every time something worth while bobs up, is no reason we should not try. Can't means "won't" nothing more nor less. The Rock Island people have always been friendly to Tucumcari, because they originated the town and practically made it what it is and had not the Mexican war interfered, Tucumcari would not have stopped growing, but would have been much larger and still growing rapidly. We now have the best railroad facilities of any town in the state. While our rates are not yet fixed satisfactorily they will be and then factories and other institutions necessary to make a city will be forthcoming.

The railroad owners like to be asked to do things because they know they are appreciated. Those that ask shall receive may be as true from a business standpoint as it was in the scriptures, but a dead man or dead town never asks for anything, therefore they receive nothing.

**UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT
SATISFACTORY TO PRESIDENT**

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 12.—Enrollment of students at the New Mexico State University for the second semester, which began Jan. 4, totaled 220 at the end of the first week, an increase of 24 over the total enrollment of the first half year period, and of more than fifty over the total enrollment of last year. It is an increase of one hundred per cent over that of two years ago. The increase in the second semester's enrollment is especially gratifying to the University government and its president, since it was largely a voluntary increase. With the University dormitories well filled and additional cottages for students being built, no special effort was made to induce new students to enter for the second half-year period. The volunteers prove the growing influence of the University and the new students give representation in the student body from every county in the state for the first time since the University was established.

Conservative estimates predict a freshman class of 100 or more for next year and a total enrollment that will be well over 300.

ROY WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Roy, N. M., Jan. 9.—Burns received when a coal oil stove exploded Saturday morning caused the death last night of Mrs. Mary Hayes Johnson, wife of postmaster William G. Johnson. The explosion of the stove scattered burning oil on Mrs. Johnson's clothing and she received fatal burns before the flames could be extinguished.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, two sons, Merle, aged 11, and Ivan, aged nine; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hayes; one brother, Henry Hayes, and one sister, Mrs. William King, of Raton.

FACTORY BURNS AT AMARILLO

Railroad men from Amarillo, report the burning of the mammoth Bryan factory in that city Monday night. The origin of the fire was unknown and the factory was completely destroyed. It started early in the evening while the citizens were attending a show and caused quite an excitement when the fire wagon passed the theater.

The loss is estimated at \$85,000.00 while it is insured for \$30,000. This factory is said to have been the largest in Amarillo and employed a number of persons who will now be thrown out of a job.

charges are always based upon the wild vapors and untruthful statements of someone, as in this instance, but the residents of this county get mighty tired of having these charges brought against them. At the last meeting of the legislature similar charges were brought against the people of the Montoya Precinct, but they were refuted by the signatures of every Spanish speaking person in the precinct.

I do not care to go into the evidence in the case under discussion, as I understand an appeal is to be taken to the district court, but I am perfectly willing to leave the merits of the matter to the discretion of the Court and jury as to whether or not the complaining witness has been imposed upon in any way. I trust you will see fit to give this letter the same prominence that you gave the article in question. Yours very truly,
R. A. PRENTICE,
Tucumcari, N. M.

**BLIZZARDS EAST OF US AND
BLIZZARDS NORTH OF US**

While reports were coming in from every direction to the effect that the thermometer had dropped from four to seven below zero and that section is experiencing a fierce blizzard, Tucumcari and Quay county is basking in an atmosphere which has not below six above zero. It hardly seems possible that there would be so much difference with only a few miles.

Amarillo, Dalhart and that section has had weather down to seven below. Monday Kansas towns report the mercury down to twelve, while Dawson, Cimarron and Raton report four below. Most everywhere snow has been falling and reports that a snow plow is being used between Liberal and Pratt in order to keep the trains running make us feel like New Mexico is not so bad after all if we do have to eat more than our share of dirt once in while.

SEALED VALLEY

Dorothy Donnelly, who is making her screen debut on the Metro Program at The New on Friday in the "Sealed Valley," made her first appearance on the stage at the old Murray Hill Theatre, New York, in 1899. During the years that followed she appeared in ordinary roles. Five years adopting the stage as a career, she appeared in the principal role of Chas. Klein's "Daughters of Men" and Channing Pollock's "Little Grey Lady." In 1907 eight years after her first appearance, she became the star in the "Lion and the Mouse" and followed that with the dramatic triumph in "The Sins of Society." On February 2nd, 1910, Miss Donnelly created an entirely new vogue in dramatic acting by her fine portrayal of the title role in Henry Savage's great production of the French play, "Madame X," and later created another great wave of popularity by her remarkable acting in A. H. Wood's production of "The Song of Songs."

Miss Donnelly makes her first appearance in an important screen production that is the next release of the Metro Pictures Corporation.

HOME-MADE CHEESE

E. D. Bruce, who lives near West, in this county, brought in about fifty pounds of home-made cheese Wednesday of this week and had no trouble of disposing of same. Mr. Bruce worked in a cheese factor at Melrose, Kansas before coming to Quay county, about ten years ago, and learned the secret of making cheese, just like you buy at the stores. He has ordered special machine for manufacturing cheese and expects to be milking 20 or more cows of his own this summer besides buying up the milk from his neighbors. If his plans work out all right he will easily make enough to supply Tucumcari stores and all other stores in the county with this fine cheese. Mr. Bruce says he is now handicapped by not having the necessary machinery to manufacture his product, but if the machine will make it any better we know he will find a ready sale for all he can make. There is nothing much better for a lunch than good fresh cheese andwiches. We wish him success in his venture, and hope everybody who eats cheese will buy the "Made in Quay County" brand.

Two young men were arrested for fighting and disturbing the peace at one of the wagon yards Tuesday night and arraigned before Judge McElroy the next morning. They plead guilty and were fined \$1.00 and costs, which amounted to something over \$11.00 each.

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